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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

Hisashi Semba et al.)

Application No.: 09/870,821)

Filed: June 1, 2001)

For: AN ENZYME REACTION METHOD)
AND A METHOD FOR)
ENZYMATICALLY PRODUCING)
AN OPTICALLY ACTIVE)
CYANOHYDRIN)

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Applicants now respond to the Office Action dated May 1, 2003. The period for reply has been extended two months by the Petition for Two Month Extension of Time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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